

and the Hastings Regional Center Developmental Unit for children. What isn't said, and that is what those programs cost, is you don't forget those kids and those people. You don't send them out on the street. You would have to pick up their services somewhere else and so you end up saving some money but you also diminish maybe the quality or quantity of their care and find care for them somewhere else. You don't save \$2.6 million and I think it is wrong to send around a memo that would indicate otherwise. Now maybe somebody would say, well, boy it is wrong to say \$600,000 would be cut in the fashion that Ron Jensen talks about. I don't know. I am not going to try and defend what he is suggesting. I am not going to suggest that it is the only alternative. I don't know. All I did was ask him what would happen if \$600,000 were cut as proposed by the Lynch amendment and he came back and said this is what we are looking at because he was anticipating the amendment and the cut and it means cutting a couple of different programs and also denying admission, perhaps, to some people to the regional centers. So whoever is right, I don't know. I know the Sieck information is wrong but, nevertheless, somebody has to stand up here and say no matter what you feel about the figures and whatever the information is, the wrong information is to suggest that we cut from the state side to give to the community based side because there is no leeway in the community based programs, that 280A didn't pass, and some of the concerns that we have there. I supported 280A. I support more funding but I don't support it at the expense of these state programs, institutional programs, that are also necessary. You know robbing Peter to pay Paul. We like to do that a lot down here but it still ends up being the same. You hurt somebody to help somebody else and I think in this case both sides ought to be helped. There is room for institutional care and there is room for community based care but one thing I emphasize to you is that these community based programs have flexibility with local property taxes to pick up some of the extra needs that are out there. I don't feel quite as bad about the fact that 280A didn't get advanced and passed. I don't feel quite as bad about the situation with the budget right now because we see a 6.8 percent reduction in county Medicaid costs, \$6.8 million can be picked up by this state by our budget which will reduce county property taxes. That means the counties have got some flexibility in their budget to pick up some of the costs of these local programs that are out there. They have got flexibility that the State